

# TEA TIME TALK

(BY WILMA J. MARCH)

Once again the wheel of time has rolled around to Armistice Day. We wander back along memory's lane to November of 1918, when the greatest world-wide celebration took place. Even non-warring nations rejoiced over the good news of peace. But how much greater was the joy of those countries whose life-blood had been spilt for the defense of justice! Too, the offensive lads were mighty glad to hear the firing cease. "Fraternalization" amongst enemies on Christmas and under unbearable conditions proved this point.

When many a gallant heart had marched to war, it was believed that the struggle could last but a few months. Instead it continued over four long years, changing the human, economic and financial status of the world. All nations participating, with the exception of United States, had gone into the red on their national budget sheet. During those first two years of tremendous fighting, United States had supplied all warring nations with a colossal amount of supplies, till her treasury overflowed and she became one of the wealthiest nations of the world. True many Americans feel that it was not their place to have entered the field of war, but at least financially, her status crept up the barometer of world relations. It is a known fact that huge orders of merchandise were shipped to the war-zone, which were neither necessary nor appropriate. We are told that American trucks, sunk to the floor-boards in muck, changed ownership every time some dare-devilish or inebriated officer went broke and took that means of raising a few dollars for a crap game or another drink.

Then everyone knows that the

economic world has never been the same since. We are still suffering from the after-math of the World War, no matter how much narrow politicians lay the blame of the depression on the doorstep of the opposing party.

But the greatest item of all on the war-page is that of human life—those lives that paid the supreme sacrifice and those that are still paying interest on the war-debt of broken-down physiques. It will take several generations before we are over the effects of the World War and yet, ere we can see that day, we are feeling the reverberations of more war.

Let us take a peep into history and the standards of the Legions of Canada and United States. Most every home in Canada has been touched in some manner by the World War and undoubtedly few there are that cannot claim one member in the Canadian Legion. Such a huge organization is bound to influence the problems of any nation.

Anyone reading this column may easily get complete data on the Canadian Legion history, and because I happen to be here in the United States, I'll give you some data on the American Legion and the organization of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The American Legion is a patriotic, non-military, non-partisan organization to which all those who served honorably in the armed forces of the United States during the World War, are eligible for membership. The society originated at a meeting of about 1000 officers and enlisted men of the A. E. F. held at Paris in March 1919. As a result a committee of 15 returned to the United States to pro-

mote the organization among men at home. A preliminary convention was held at St. Louis, Mo., two months later and that fall the society was incorporated by act of Congress and the first regular convention held in November.

The objects of the association are: to preserve the memories of the members' association in the world war; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100% Americanism; to combat autocracy whether of the classes or the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; and to sanctify the comradeship of the war by mutual helpfulness. Local units of the order are known as posts. These are organized into departments of which there is one for each state and territory, the District of Columbia, Alaska, the Canal Zone, the Philippine Islands, Canada, Mexico and continental Europe. The national headquarters is at Indianapolis, Ind.

The American Legion sponsored the creation of the United States Veterans' bureau at Washington, and a program for the establishment of government hospitals for the care of the disabled was put into effect. The Legion secured the passage of soldier bonus laws in the Federal and a number of the State Legislatures. By 1932 over six billions of dollars had been appropriated by the Federal government for the benefit of the World War Veterans. The Legion led in preparing a code of national flag etiquette, aided in finding employment for veterans out of work, and carried through a program for the care of war orphans. In 1921, two years after its organization, its membership stood at 759,779. Ten years later it exceeded 1,300,000.

Now let's take a look at the organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars. "The Gold Stripe Organization", eligibility to which signifies distinctive service. Honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States on foreign soil or in hostile waters during a time of war for which the government of the United States authorizes the issuance of a campaign medal, constitutes the basis of eligibility to membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S.

Any World War Veteran who has received or is eligible to receive a victory medal with service or battle clasp is eligible to the V.F.W. membership. Also any honorably discharged veteran who has received or is entitled to receive from the Army, Navy or Marine Corps medals from any wars in which the United States has participated or taken any military part in may claim membership. But in all cases a campaign medal is required, not a badge awarded for some other service.

The objects of the V.F.W. organization are fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of their dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars was organized in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 23, 1899, by fourteen comrades who had served overseas under the American flag. Under the leadership of James C. Putman this group was chartered on Oct. 11, 1899, under the name of "American Veterans of Foreign Service". On Dec. 12, of the same year, the Colorado Society, Army of the Philippines, was formed in Denver, becoming national in scope shortly afterwards. Smaller groups were later organized in other states and the eligibility requirements formulated by those first fourteen men are virtually the same today. By 1917, when U.S. entered the World War, Posts of the V.F.W. could be found in every section of the States.



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Thousands of its members once more entered service in the name of the stars and stripes. Today America's Gold Chevron Order is recognized as America's unique veteran organization, taking a militant lead in all movements tending to help the veteran and his dependents. They believe in "Honoring the dead by helping the living". And they believe also that increased strength lies in increased membership. They also advocate the immediate deportation of Soviet spies and agents; further restrictions of Asiatic immigration for several years; drastic legislative measures to curb crime; educational programs to acquaint foreign born with the principles of Americanism; an adequate National Guard, Marine and Naval, and standing army for defense. They uphold and aid many legislative objectives, which are in keeping with the ideals of the organization. The V.F.W. National Home for widows and orphans of deceased or helpless veterans has been maintained and financed without levies or assessments upon the individual members or appeals for public charity.

Thus in summing it up the V.F.W. organization in every way tries to give fair play to those who deserve it because of their loyalty and past service to their country.

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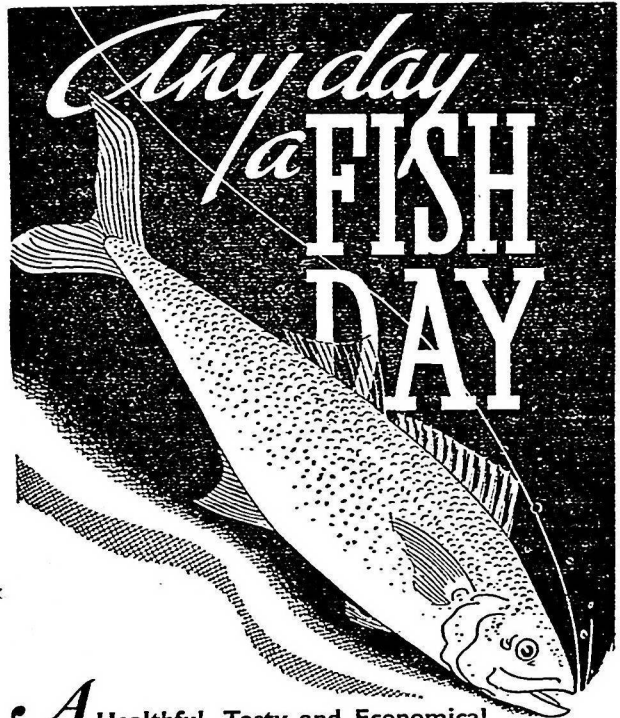
triotism as the Canadian Legion is showing on Armistice Day in bringing back to the British people the voice of their beloved King, the late King George V, in their annual nation-wide radio service that keeps the fire of loyalty burning in the breasts of any nation. The sincere words of the late monarch, spoken last Christmas to millions of his people, will again remind us of the importance of the British Empire in the relations of the world today. He will say to us: "In Europe and many parts of the world anxieties surround us. It is good to think that our own family of peoples is at peace in itself and united in one desire to be at peace with other nations—the friend of all, the enemy of none. May the spirit of good-will and mutual helpfulness grow and spread. Then it will bring not only the blessing of peace but the solution of the economic troubles which beset us."



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